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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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SUBJ: RATSIKAKA OFFICIAL PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AS OF DECEMBER

30; BRIEF STRIKE OF CIVILDBRVANTS

REF: TANANARIVE 2106

1. AT 5:30 P.M. DECEMBER 30, ACCORDING TO MADAGASCAR PRESS,
DIDIER RATSIKAKA OFFICIALLY BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR. PROCLAMATION WAS MADE BY SUPERIOR COUNCIL
OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TABULATING
THE VOTES. COUNCIL ALSO OFFICIALLY DECLARED THAT CHARTER OF MALAGASY
SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND CONSTITUTION OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF MADAGASCAR HAS BEEN ADOPTED AS RESULT OF DECEMBER 21 REFER-
ENDUM. FINAL VOTE TALLY:

REGISTERED VOTERS	3,698,541
ACTUAL VOTERS	3,426,216
INVALID BALLOTS	32,101
YES	3,213,146TE
	180,96

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(YES VOTES ACCOUNTED FOR 94.6 PERCENT OF ALL VALID BALLOTS,
BUT ONLY 86.8 PERCENT OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.)

2. CONSTITUTION IS EXPECTED TO BE PROMULGATED IN NEXT FEW
DAYS, AFTER WHICH NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE INAUGURATED (PERHAPS
WITHIN WEEK).

3. MOST CIVIL SERVANTS IN TANANARIVE (NO INFORMATION YET ON REST
OF COUNTRY) WENT ON 48-HOUR STRIKE DECEMBER 29-30 IN PROTEST
AGAINST INSUFFICIENT INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES WHICH GOMR HAD
ANNOUNCED JUST BEFORE REFERENDUM. ONLY NEWSPAPER TO MENTION STRIKE
DIRECTLY (MARESAKA) WAS CONFISCATED. ANOTHER NEWSPAPER REPORTED
DENIAL BY FISEMA, LARGEST MALAGASY TRADE UNION WHICH IS STRONGLY
PRO-RATSIRAKA, THAT IT HAD INITIATED STRIKE.SHEINBAUM

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